

Remarks

Claim of Priority

The Examiner's attention to the specifics of the Declaration is greatly appreciated. Applicants fully intended to claim priority as per the specification. Please advise if a revised Declaration will be required in addition to this clarification.

Amendments to the Specification:

In the specification, the minor or obvious errors are corrected in paragraphs [0025], [0026], and [0129]. Should the sequence listing as filed, in light of the addition of the sequence identifiers to the component sequences of Figures 2 and 3 not sufficiently comply with sequence listing requirements, a substitute amended sequence listing will be provided upon request.

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 8 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice to later pursuit if these or similar claims in conjunction with any required deposit requirements.

New claims 17 – 23, all ultimately dependent on claim 1 are added.

Claim 1 as amended is believed to resolve all of the Examiner's §112 objections. Support for the amendment to Claim 1(a) can be found, inter alia, at [0020]. Support for the amendment to Claim 1(e) can be found, inter alia, at [0035].

Rejection of under §102 based on Rasmussen and §103 including Rasmussen:

As amended claim 1 recites an N-terminal cleavable spacer including an Arg between each GLP unit. In contrast, Rasmussen recites only an additional C' terminal Arg. The addition of the N-terminal Arg is not taught or suggest by Rasmussen and represents an important improvement to the process of producing GLP peptides from fusion proteins.

It is not believed that any further fees are required in addition to the request extension fees, but should additional fees be required for the consideration of this submission please consider this a request for consideration under the appropriate rule and an authorization for the Assistant

Serial No.: 10/761,717
Attorney Docket No.: 291-0002US
Response to Office Action

Commission to charge and/ or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1922 should any additional fees be required or overpayment made.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilyn M. Huston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marilyn M. Huston, Reg. No. 37,851
WONG CABELLO LUTSCH RUTHERFORD & BRUCCULERI, LLP
20333 SH 249, Suite 600
Houston, Texas 77070
Direct (832) 446-2421
Facsimile (832) 446-2424
wcpatent@counselip.com